GUI. Pr'ythee, have done:
And do not play in wench-like words with that Which is so serious. Let us bury him, And not protract with admiration what Is now due debt.—To the grave.
Say, where shall's lay him ?

This passage is imitated by Webster in his tragedy of The White Devil; and in such manner as confirms the old reading :

" Call for the robin-red-breast and the wren,
'* Since o'er shady groves they hover,
" And with leaves and flowers do cover
" The friendless bodies of unburied men ;
" Call unto his funeral dole
" The ant, the field-mouse, and the mole,
" To rear him *hillocks* that shall keep him warm," &c.

FARMER.

Which of these two plays was first written, cannot now be determined. Webster's play was published in 1612, that of Shakspeare did not appear in print till 1623. In the preface to the edition of Webster's play, he thus speaks of Shakspeare ; " And lastly (without wrong last to be named) the right happy and copious industry of M. Shakspeare," &c. STEEVENS.

We may fairly conclude that Webster imitated Shakspeare; for in the same page from which Dr. Farmer has cited the foregoing lines, is found a passage taken almost literally from Hamlet. It is spoken by a distracted lady:

"------you're very welcome ;
" Here's rosemary for you, and rue for you ;
" Heart's ease for you; I pray make much of it;
e' I have left more for myself."

Dr. Warburton asks, " What sense is there in *winter-ground^ ing* a corse with *moss ?* " But perhaps *Birder-ground* does not refer to *moss,* but to the last antecedent, *jftovoers.* If this was the construction intended by Shakspeare, the passage should be printed thus:

" Yea, and furr'd moss besides,-^when flowers are none
*e To winter-ground thy corse."

i. e, you shall have also a warm covering of moss, when there are no flowers to adorn thy grave with that ornament with which Winter is usually decorated. So, in Cupid's Revenge, by Beaumont and Fletcher, 16*25: *' He looks like Winter, stuck here and there with fresh *jlowers"*—I have not, however, much con* fidence in this observation. MALONE.